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SUBJECT: SAUVAGNARGUES-GENSCHER MEETING NOVEMBER 9

REF: (A) GENEVA 6933; (B) BONN 17872

1. BEGIN SUMMARY: FRENCH FONMIN SAUVAGNARGUES MET WITH
FRG FONMIN GENSCHER IN PARIS NOVEMBER 9 FOR THEIR
REGULAR QUARTERLY MEETING UNDER THE TERMS OF THE 1963
FRANCO-GERMAN TREATY OF COOPERATION. THEY DISCUSSED THE
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PROBLEMS, SCHMIDT'S TRIP TO MOSCOW, AND CSCE. THEIR NEXT QUARTERLY MEETING WILL OCCUR IN BONN TOWARD THE END OF THE WINTER OR EARLY SPRING 1975. END SUMMARY.

2. PLAISANT (QUAI DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR CENTRAL EUROPE) BRIEFED US RECENTLY ON FRG FONMIN GENSCHER'S VISIT TO PARIS LAST SATURDAY. IN TERMS OF ATMOSPHERICS, HE SAID THAT IT HAD BEEN DIFFICULT TO FIND A CONVENIENT TIME FOR THIS BILATERAL MEETING, GIVEN THE FRENCH BILATERAL AND EC TRAVELING OF BOTH FONMINS. THE NEXT REGULAR QUARTERLY MEETING BETWEEN SAUVAGNARGUES AND GENSCHER WITHIN THE CONTEXT OF THE FRANCO-GERMAN TREATY OF - COOPERATION SHOULD OCCUR SOMETIME DURING LATE WINTER OR EARLY SPRING OF 1975. A MAJOR SUBJECT FOR THAT MEETING WILL PROBABLY BE ARRANGEMENTS FOR A GISCARD-SCHMIDT SUMMIT IN THE FRG.

3. EC-NINE SUMMIT: IN RESPONSE TO SAUVAGNARGUES' PROBING, GENSCHER CONFIRMED TO THE FRENCH THAT THE GERMANS NOW FULLY SUPPORT THE IDEA OF AN EC-NINE SUMMIT. ACCORDING TO OUR SOURCE, THE GERMANS SEEM SUFFICIENTLY SATISFIED WITH PROGRESS ON THE DEFINITION OF THE SUMMIT'S AGENDA TO, IN EFFECT, GIVE THE FRENCH THEIR DEFINITIVE GREEN LIGHT ON CONVENING THE SUMMIT. (AN FRG EMBASSY SOURCE PHRASED IT A BIT DIFFERENTLY TO US, SAYING THAT THE FRENCH WERE DETERMINED TO HAVE AN EC SUMMIT, AND THE GERMANS COULD NOT PERMIT THE FRENCH TO ACCUSE THEM OF TORPEDOING IT.)

4. MIDDLE EAST: SAUVAGNARGUES REVIEWED FOR GENSCHER HIS RECENT TRIP TO MIDDLE EAST, INCLUDING HIS MEETING WITH ARAFAT. PLAISANT SAID THAT SAUVAGNARGUES' REPORT PROMPTED NO PARTICULAR REACTION FROM GENSCHER.

5. ENERGY: PLAISANT TOLD US THERE WAS AN UNEVENTFUL DISCUSSION OF THIS SUBJECT. (OUR FRG SOURCE, HOWEVER, TOLD US THAT GENSCHER MADE PLAIN TO THE FRENCH THAT THE

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GERMANS HAD NO INTENTION OF PARTICIPATING IN GISCARD'S ENERGY CONFERENCE UNLESS IT WERE AGREEABLE TO THE U.S. ACCORDING TO THIS SOURCE, SAUVAGNARGUES SAID THAT WHILE FRANCE WAS OPPOSED TO EC ACCESSION TO THE IEA, FRANCE COULD AGREE TO EC COMMISSION'S PARTICIPATION AS OBSERVER IN IEA.)

6. SCHMIDT'S TRIP TO MOSCOW: MORE AS A MATTER OF COURTESY THAN SUBSTANCE, GENSCHER BRIEFED SAUVAGNARGUES ON SCHMIDT'S TRIP TO MOSCOW. THE BRIEFING PROVIDED NO CONFIDENTIAL

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INFORMATION BEYOND WHAT WAS ALREADY KNOWN AS A RESULT OF GERMAN REPORTS PRESENTED TO US AT NATO, IN BONN AND IN GENEVA.

7. CSCE: SAUVAGNARGUES TOLD GENSCHER THAT THE FRENCH WOULD SUPPORT ANY FORMULATION ON "PEACEFUL CHANGE" THAT WAS ACCEPTABLE TO THE GERMANS. WITH REGARD TO FOUR-POWER RIGHTS, SAUVAGNARGUES AND GENSCHER DISCUSSED THE RELATIVE MERITS OF OPERATIVE WORDS "REFLECTED," "DERIVING" AND "CORRESPONDING." ACCORDING TO OUR SOURCE,

GENSCHER DID NOT SEEM TO BE TERRIBLY INTERESTED IN THESE DETAILS AND VAN WELL CARRIED THE GERMAN SIDE OF THE DISCUSSION. IN THE END, FRENCH TEXT INCORPORATING "CORRESPONDING" WAS AGREED TO BY THE TWO MINISTERS, WITH THE FRENCH BELIEVING "CORRESPONDING" MET GENSCHER'S DESIRE FOR TEXT BASED ON 1972 QUADRIPARTITE DECLARATION (REF A, PARA 3). PLAISANT TOLD US THAT WHEN THIS NEW FORMULATION WAS SURFACED WITH THE US, UK AND FRG IN GENEVA, THE AMERICANS AND THE BRITISH HAD NO DIFFICULTY IN INFORMALLY ACCEPTING THE FORMULATION, BUT THE FRG DELEGATION -- FOR SOME INEXPLICABLE REASON -- COULD NOT ACCEPT THE FORMULATION WHICH THEIR OWN FOREIGN MINISTER HAD ADOPTED IN PARIS. PLAISANT SAID THAT HE ASSUMED COMMUNICATION BETWEEN BONN AND THE FRG DELEGATION IN GENEVA WOULD ELIMINATE THIS PROBLEM. COMMENT: WE GATHER FROM REF B THAT "INEXPLICABLE REASON" IS NOW CLEAR TO FRENCH.
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